AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of creating and defining a custom data field within a process management system, comprising:

   creating a file on a computer system to specify visible field properties of the custom data field;

   defining a model of the custom data field;

   packaging the file and the model into an archive file, wherein the archive file is compressed and ~~based-on~~ wherein a directory structure of the archive file reflects a structure of an object-oriented class of the custom data field; and

   inserting the custom data field and adding the archive file into the process management system as the object-oriented class,

   wherein the process management system executes on the computer system.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

   deploying the process management system with the object-oriented class.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

   testing the process management system with the object-oriented class.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the model comprises a written class and at least two implemented interfaces.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the written class determines presentation and data management capabilities of the custom data field.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the model is an image created to depict the custom data field.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method of creating and defining a custom data field within a process management system, comprising:

creating a file on a computer system to specify visible field properties of the custom data field;

defining a model of the custom data field;

packaging the file and the model into an archive file wherein the archive file is compressed and ~~based on~~ wherein a directory structure of the archive file reflects a structure of an object-oriented class of the custom data field;

inserting the custom data field and adding the archive file into the process management system as the object-oriented class;

deploying the process management system with the object-oriented class; and

testing the process management system with the object-oriented class,

wherein the process management system executes on the computer system.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for creating and defining a custom data field within a process management system, comprising:

a file specifying visible field properties of the custom data field;

a model of the custom data field;

an archive file created by packaging the file and the model in the process management system; and

an object-oriented class created by inserting the custom data field and adding the archive file,

wherein the archive file is compressed and ~~based on~~ wherein a directory structure of the archive file reflects a structure of an object-oriented class of the custom data field, and

wherein the object-oriented class is inserted into the process management system executing on a computer system.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the model is an image created to depict the custom data field.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the model comprises a written class and at least two implemented interfaces.

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14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the written class determines presentation and data management capabilities of the custom data field.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising,

    a storage element comprising a process management system; and

    a processor for creating and defining a custom data field within a process management system in the storage element;

    software instructions stored in the storage element for enabling the computer system under control of the processor to:

    create a file to specify visible field properties of the custom data field;

    define a model of the custom data field;

    package the file and the model into an archive file, wherein the archive file is compressed and ~~based on~~ wherein a directory structure of the archive file reflects <u>a</u> structure of an object-oriented class<u> of the custom data field</u>; and

    insert the custom data field and adding the archive file into the process management system as the object-oriented class.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, further comprising:

    a computer monitor adapted to display the custom data field within the process management system.

17. (Original) The system of claim 15, further comprising:

    an input device adapted to enter data into the custom data field within the process management system.

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for creating and defining a custom data field within a process management system, comprising:

  means for creating a file on a computer system to specify visible field properties of the custom data field;

  means for defining a model of the custom data field;

  means for packaging the file and the model into an archive file, wherein the archive file is compressed and ~~based on~~ wherein a directory structure of the archive file reflects a structure of an object-oriented class of the custom data field;

  means for inserting the custom data field and adding the archive file into the process management system as the object-oriented class;

  means for deploying the process management system with the object-oriented class;

  means for testing the process management system with the object-oriented class; and

  means for executing the process management system on the computer system.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the model is an image created to depict the custom data field.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the model comprises a written class and at least two implemented interfaces.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the written class determines presentation and data management capabilities of the custom data field.